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problem. So I'm fully supportive and would encourage you to vote for advancement of this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. For discussion, advancement of LB 67? Senator Kristensen, seeing no further lights on, did you wish to close on the advancement?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I'd waive my closing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kristensen waives closing. The question before the body is advancement of LB 67 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 67.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 67 does advance to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, LB 252.

CLERK: LB 252, introduced by Senator Schimek, relates to elections. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 5 of this year, referred to the Government Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on LB 252.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I think I can be brief because there...this is a very simple concept in this bill. It has been adopted by, I believe, forty-eight other states and Nebraska is among the last to adopt. But the purpose of this bill is to allow write-in votes for the offices of President and Vice President. Currently, our statutes do not make that provision. And one of the reasons that the Secretary of State's Office approached me about introducing this bill again, and we actually introduced it last year but, for lack of time, it...it didn't go anywhere, but the reason is that the Secretary of State has been sued by an individual Nebraska citizen for not providing this write-in